

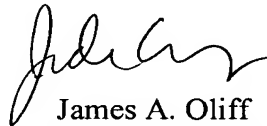
**REMARKS**

Claims 14-21 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, non-elected claims 1-13 and 22-27 are canceled and the specification is amended to reference the parent application.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 14-21 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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